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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

TREASURER AND TOWN CLERK,

OF THE

TOWN OF WENDELL

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 16,

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WENDELL:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Total amt. of money raised by taxation, | \$5352 18 |
| No. of orders issued, 427, amounting, | 6730 65 |

For the following purposes:

TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|--|----------|
| G. A. Fleming, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, | \$100 00 |
| Andrew Baker, | 75 00 |
| C. M. Ballou, | 50 00 |
| H. L. Hoyt, Treasurer, | 23 33 |
| C. H. Cogswell, " pro tempore, | 18 00 |
| N. D. Plumb, Town Clerk, | 15 00 |
| C. M. Ballou, Assessor, | 25 00 |
| N. D. Plumb, Assessor, | 25 32 |
| C. W. Bigelow, | 15 00 |
| C. M. Ballou, Constable, | 10 00 |
| C. H. Caldwell, Auditor, | 4 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$360 65 |
| G. A. Fleming, Tax Collector, | |
| Salary voted by the town, | \$100 00 |

STATE AID TO FEB. 1ST, 1906.

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Wallace C. Bigelow, | 12 mo. @ \$4.00, | \$48 00 |
| George H. Russell, | " " | 48 00 |
| George A. Lewis, | " " | 48 00 |
| George W. Kent, | " " | 48 00 |
| Charlotte Blair, | " " | 48 00 |
| Alfred J. Richardson, | 10 mo. @ \$4.00 2 mo. @ \$6.00, | 52 00 |
| John D. Robinson, | 5 " " | 20 00 |
| George H. Frederick, | 3 " " | 12 00 |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$324 00 | |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| Hattie Clark, gravel, | | \$3 50 |
| Frank Kent, | labor, | 1 35 |
| Frank Kent, | " | 2 55 |
| George Mills, | " | 6 00 |
| Frank Taylor, | " | 4 50 |
| George Mills, | " | 6 00 |
| Jesse Powers, | " | 15 00 |
| Robert Boynton, | " | 3 60 |
| Natl. Express Co., express on scraper blade, | | 60 |
| W. E. Goddard, | labor, | 2 55 |
| Alfred Boynton, | " | 6 00 |
| George Mills, | " | 3 00 |
| Frank Taylor, | " | 5 85 |
| Frank Stone, | " | 1 50 |
| George Mills, | " | 10 35 |
| Robert Boynton, | " | 9 87 |
| C. M. Ballou, | " | 7 00 |
| N. B. Symonds, | " | 33 75 |
| Orange Hardware Co., stone hammer, | | 99 |
| Jesse Powers, | labor, | 19 35 |
| Uri A. Stone, | " | 30 91 |
| Frank Morgan, | " | 10 06 |
| N. B. Symonds, | " | 1 35 |
| Baker & Baker, | " | 101 20 |
| Almon Dirth, | " | 5 00 |
| Albert Merchant, | labor | 3 25 |
| Baker & Baker, plank and dynamite, | | 9 70 |
| John B. Davis, | labor, | 3 25. |
| George McPherson, | " | 2 32 |
| William Howe, | " | 19 45 |
| Allie Thomas, | " | 12 00 |
| Frank Betters, | " | 6 00 |
| John B. Davis, | " | 1 50 |
| George Merchant, | " | 5 00 |
| Albert Merchant, | " | 4 50 |
| David Lock, | " | 2 25 |
| Frank Taylor, | " | 3 00 |
| G. A. Fleming, | " | 95 90 |
| Baker & Baker, | " | 17 70 |

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|---|--------|-------|
| Alfred Boynton, | labor, | 4 50 |
| Frank Taylor, | " | 4 50 |
| George Mills, | " | 10 50 |
| Robert Boynton, | " | 4 50 |
| S. M. Keith, | " | 13 20 |
| R. L. Sibley, | " | 4 65 |
| H. C. Tracy, | " | 3 50 |
| Jesse Powers, | " | 6 30 |
| C. H. Jennison, | " | 24 50 |
| New England Box Co., plank, | | 14 13 |
| W. E. Goddard, labor, | | 8 50 |
| John L. Smith, scraper blade, | | 8 50 |
| Herbert I. Farley, repairs on canal bridge, | | 50 00 |
| W. H. Austin, | labor, | 3 00 |
| George Haskell, | " | 90 |
| L. W. Gould, | " | 2 63 |
| Joseph Wetherby, | " | 5 55 |
| Warren Ames, grade stakes, | | 1 75 |
| Mrs. H. B. Torrey, | labor, | 4 50 |
| Baker & Baker, | " | 36 70 |
| Uri A. Stone, | " | 4 20 |
| E. L. Packard, | " | 1 20 |
| Wallace Morgan, | " | 3 00 |
| C. H. Jennison, | " | 41 38 |
| S. M. Keith, | " | 7 05 |
| Curtis Tucker, | " | 1 65 |
| Henry Martineau, sharpening picks, drills, etc., | | 2 40 |
| Henry Lehrman, | labor, | 6 00 |
| Frank Morgan, | " | 1 50 |
| E. L. Colson, labor and gravel, | | 11 70 |
| Henry Lehrman, | labor, | 6 50 |
| Baker & Baker, labor and plank, | | 11 80 |
| C. F. White, | labor, | 2 70 |
| S. W. Bowen, gravel, | | 10 00 |
| Jesse Powers, | labor, | 1 50 |
| Stanislaw Krusiewicz, | " | 5 55 |
| John Harris, labor and gravel, | | 10 75 |
| Hammond & Walsh, tile, | | 17 16 |
| Hammond & Walsh, tile and labor, | | 13 25 |

| | | |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Robert Boynton, | labor, | 3 00 |
| Eugene Blair, | " | 75 |
| Jesse Powers, | labor, | 17 55 |
| William Wyman, | " | 19 50 |
| Frank Morgan, | " | 4 50 |
| George Mills, | " | 9 00 |
| Caleb Carey, | " | 6 00 |
| George Mills, | " | 1 50 |
| R. L. Sibley, | " | 28 50 |
| Robert Boynton, | " | 6 30 |
| Almon Dirth, | " | 2 25 |
| Gazette and Courier, notice to contractors, | | 1 50 |
| William Wyman, | labor, | 12 00 |
| John B. Davis, | " | 8 00 |
| William Howe, | " | 41 94 |
| John B. Davis, | " | 11 55 |
| George Merchant, | " | 2 75 |
| Albert Merchant, | " | 2 75 |
| Mrs. Emma J. Soper, | " | 4 95 |
| L. W. Gould, | " | 17 27 |
| John O'Donall, | " | 2 98 |
| Jesse Powers, | " | 2 25 |
| William Wyman, | " | 3 00 |
| George Mills, | " | 6 00 |
| S. W. Bowen, timber for bridge, | | 10 90 |
| G. A. Lewis, gravel from Mrs. H. J. | | |
| Smith's land, | | 7 00 |
| George Clark, | labor, | 8 25 |
| Chester Clark, | " | 7 50 |
| Murray Stafford, | " | 2 25 |
| H. C. Tracy, guide boards, | | 3 88 |
| Wallace Morgan, | labor, | 3 00 |
| William Howe, | " | 7 50 |
| Geo. A. Merchant, | " | 1 00 |
| F. H. King, bridge plank, | | 7 54 |
| G. A. Fleming, labor, | | 79 40 |
| C. H. Cogswell, spikes, etc., | | 94 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total, | | \$1204 20 |

STATE ROAD.

There has been 2300 feet of state road constructed the past year by allotment of \$776.00 from the Mass. Highway Commission, the work being done by contract to Hammond & Walsh of Pittsfield, Mass., for \$775.25, the town furnishing the grade stakes, .75, \$776.00.

The town built one culvert on this section of road at a cost of \$30.00, the expense being taken from the appropriation for highways.

SNOW BILLS.

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Alburn Fiske, | \$6 82 |
| Henry Lehrman, | 2 50 |
| R. E. Boynton, | 1 20 |
| C. H. Jennison, | 12 20 |
| E. S. Woodard, | 12 80 |
| G. A. Fleming, | 3 00 |
| W. E. Goddard, | 4 25 |
| Jesse Powers, | 2 33 |
| C. M. Ballou, | 26 25 |
| Joseph L. Coleman, | 1 65 |
| R. L. Sibley, | 5 02 |
| E. M. Morey, | 3 45 |
| Bertram E. Russell, | 5 95 |
| George Clark, | 1 00 |
| William Howe, | 6 12 |
| Allie Thomas, | 1 96 |
| George A. Strong, | 1 05 |
| Frank Betters, | 1 80 |
| Frank Howe, | 1 96 |
| John B. Davis, | 1 95 |
| C. F. White, | 4 05 |
| Baker & Baker, | 14 85 |
| Rolan A. Baker, | 1 50 |
| Uri A. Stone, | 1 95 |

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|-------------------|----------|
| Frank Morgan, | 75 |
| E. L. Packard, | 75 |
| S. M. Keith, | 1 95 |
| Henry Lehrman, | 10 00 |
| Artemus Battles, | 1 05 |
| L. W. Gould, | 3 67 |
| W. H. Austin, | 60 |
| Charles Headburg, | 2 32 |
| E. L. Colson, | 7 00 |
| | ———— |
| | \$153 70 |

FOREST FIRE.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| E. L. Colson, bill for 1903, | \$ 75 |
|------------------------------|-------|

SCHOOL ORDERS.

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Orders issued for schools, | \$2529 65 |
|----------------------------|-----------|

CEMETERY FENCE.

By a vote of the town at meeting of March 6th, 1905, we have placed an iron fence on the west side of the Central cemetery at the following cost :

| | |
|--|----------|
| Paid Enterprise Foundry and Fence Co., | \$219 00 |
| G. A. Fleming, labor, | 7 00 |
| C. M. Ballou, teaming, | 2 00 |
| John Harris, teaming, | 2 00 |
| Geo. Mills, labor, | 3 00 |
| L. B. Bowen, labor, | 6 00 |
| W. H. Wyman, labor, | 5 10 |
| H. C. Tracy, labor, | 3 80 |
| | ———— |
| Total, | \$247 90 |

TOWN AID AND OUTSIDE POOR.

E. H. ABBOTT.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Paid Franklin Co. Hospital, care and medical aid, | \$108 15 |
| Cook & Carson, clothing, | 2 00 |
| J. P. Logan, clothing, | 2 25 |
| Lewis Therrien, supplies, | 3 70 |
| J. J. Woodlock, casket and embalming, | 25 00 |
| G. A. Fleming, funeral ex., | 5 00 |
| C. H. Jennison, digging grave, | 2 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$148 60 |

JOSEPH CHAMPAGN.

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid C. M. Ballou, wood, | \$2 25 |
| C. H. Cogswell, goods, | 67 75 |
| Henry Lehrman, house rent, | 9 00 |
| S. N. Cole, care and board, | 105 30 |
| F. E. Johnson, M. D., medical aid, | 4 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$188 80 |

CORDELIA J. KENT.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Paid Mass. school for feeble minded, | \$169 45 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|

MRS. E. M. RICH.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Paid G. A. Fleming, undertaker services, | \$3 00 |
| S. M. Keith, care, | 1 50 |
| Mrs. Nellie M. Morgan, board and care, | 12 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$17 00 |

MRS. WM. C. JOHNSON.

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Town of Montague, supplies, | \$48 53 |
|----------------------------------|---------|

ALFRED J. DUNACAN.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Caleb L. Carey, care and board, | 25 00 |
| F. H. Fearl, M. D., medical aid, | 21 00 |
| C. H. Cogswell, supplies, | 3 18 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$49 18 |

MISS JENNIE WRIGHT.

| | |
|---|------|
| Paid F. E. Johnson, M. D., medical aid, | 7 50 |
|---|------|

MRS. BURNSIDE DAVIS.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Paid Dwight N. Wright, aid rendered, | 10 00 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|

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|-------------------------------------|----------|
| C. M. Ballou, keeping three tramps, | 2 25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$641 31 |

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Abatement of taxes.

CASH ASSETS, FEB. 16, 1906.

| | |
|---|----------|
| State Treasurer, State aid, | \$371 00 |
| State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense inspection of animals, | 13 75 |
| State Treasurer, aid to Albert J. Dunacan, | 49 18 |
| Town of Erving, aid to Mrs. Burnside Davis, | 10 00 |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer, | 398 99 |
| " " " balance on school funds, | 90 78 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$933 70 |

OTHER RESOURCES.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Mary N. Phelps, cemetery fund, | \$200 00 |
| Wm. H. Phelps, estate, | 800 00 |
| Town Farm, | 800 00 |
| R. P. Cornwell, note, | 540 00 |
| E. W. Fisher, land, | 50 00 |
| Almon Lock, cemetery fund, | 150 00 |
| Deed, J. W. Watson estate, | 19 95 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$2559 95 |

SUMMARY.

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Town Officers, | \$360 65 |
| Tax Collector, | 100 00 |
| State Aid, | 324 00 |
| Highways and bridges, | 1204 20 |
| Snow bills, | 153 70 |
| Forest fire bills, | 75 |
| Poor Department, | 641 31 |
| Miscellaneous, | 246 19 |
| Abatement of taxes, 1905, | 146 30 |
| Schools, | 2529 65 |
| State road, | 776 00 |
| Cemetery fence, | 247 90 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$6730 65 |

G. A. FLEMING, } Selectmen
 ANDREW BAKER, } of
 C. M. BALLOU, } Wendell, Mass.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We have provided care, supplies and funeral expenses for E. H. Abbott, who died at the Franklin County hospital, May 20th, 1905,

\$148 60

Joseph Champagne has been cared for to the amount of

188 80

Mr. Champagne is now at the almshouse in New Salem, Mass.

Cordelia J. Kent, being at the Public institution at Waverly, Mass., for which we have paid,

169 45

Of this amount the state pays $\frac{3}{4}$, the town $\frac{1}{4}$.

Mrs. E. M. Rich was aided to the amount of

17 00

The town being fully reimbursed for this amount by Mr. E. A. Rich.

Mrs. Wm. C. Johnson, residing in Montague, Mass., has been aided to the amount of

48 53

Albert J. Dunacan has been aided by care, medical aid and supplies to the amount of

49 18

Mr. Dunacan is a state charge and this amount will be paid by the state.

Miss Jennie Wright has been provided medical aid to the amount of 7 50

Mrs. Burnside Davis has been furnished aid to the amount of 10 00

The same amount being charged to the town of Erving.

Paid C. M. Ballou, for keeping three tramps, 2 25
\$641 31

Due from state in case of Albert J. Dunacan, \$49 18

| | |
|---|----------|
| town of Erving in case of Mrs. Burnside Davis, | 10 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$59 18 |
| Net expense of Poor, | <hr/> |
| | \$582 13 |

G. A. FLEMING,
ANDREW BAKER,
C. M. BALLOU, } Overseers
of the
Poor.

WENDELL, MASS., FEB. 16TH, 1906.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Wendell, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

ARTHUR L. TRUESDELL, Auditor.

H. L. HOYT, TREASURER'S REPORT ENDING
OCT. 5, 1905.

FEB. 16TH, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| From H. L. Hoyt, Treas. 1904, | \$364 18 |
| Everett Rich, reimbursement, expense for E. M. Rich, | 32 29 |
| E. S. Putnam, pool table license, | 2 00 |
| P. J. Cannon, liquor license, | 550 00 |
| Alburn Fisk, temporary loan, | 2000 00 |
| Athol Bank, Sinking Fund, | 1000 00 |
| Interest on same, | 59 76 |
| Franklin Savings Inst., Sinking Fund, | 350 00 |
| Interest on same, | 3 50 |
| G. A. Fleming, grass on commons, | 1 00 |
| B. & M. R. R. Co., damage to sewer pipe, | 5 00 |
| Town of Orange, to rectify mistake in tuition bill, | 25 00 |
| Mrs. J. C. Richards, state money for Supt. of schools, | 328 95 |
| State treasurer, comp. of inspection of animals, | 14 00 |
| Recd. of G. A. Fleming, on taxes of 1905, | 1444 33 |
| | — |
| | \$6180 01 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Paid E. C. Fowler, sheriff fees, in case E. E. Comstock, | 174 00 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treasurer, note, | 2000 00 |
| Interest on same, | 32 00 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license, | 137 50 |
| H. L. Hoyt, library trustee, town appropriation, | 30 00 |
| Town orders for 1905, | 2759 76 |
| Balance on hand, October 5, 1905, | 1219 01 |
| | — |
| | \$6180 01 |

WENDELL, OCTOBER 5TH, 1905.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of H. L. Hoyt, Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

ARTHUR L. TRUESDELL, Auditor.

C. H. COGSWELL, TREASURER'S REPORT FROM
OCT. 5, 1905, TO FEB. 16, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Rec'd of H. L. Hoyt, Treasurer, | \$1219 01 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., board of insanity, | 63 37 |
| W. H. Wyman, apples on town farm, | 2 00 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., state aid, | 252 00 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., high school tuition, special, | 100 00 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., check to balance, | 32 00 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., State Highway Loan fund, | 776 00 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., State board of insanity, | 62 72 |
| C. H. Cogswell, int. on Luke Leach note, to Jan. 7, 1906, | 27 00 |
| Baker & Baker, for grass on town farm, | 8 00 |
| E. A. Newcomb, County Treas., dog money, | 36 40 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., school money, | 929 48 |
| A. L. Truesdell, use of town hall, | 1 00 |
| G. A. Fleming, Coll., on taxes 1905, | 3907 85 |
| | _____ |
| | \$7417 83 |

PAID OUT.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Paid E. A. Newcomb, County Treas., county tax, | \$544 92 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., state tax, | 320 00 |
| Alburn Fiske, town note, | 2000 00 |
| Int. on same, | 55 35 |
| C. H. Cogswell, Treas. library trustees, dog money returned, | 36 40 |
| Town orders, 1905, | 3970 89 |
| Cash on hand, Feb. 16, 1906 : | |
| Bal. from school fund, | 90 78 |
| Bal. from other sources, | 398 99 |
| | _____ |
| | \$7417 33 |

WENDELL, MASS., FEB. 16, 1906.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of C. H. Cogswell, Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

ARTHUR L. TRUESDELL, Auditor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF WENDELL FOR THE YEAR 1905.

BIRTHS REGISTERED.

| DATE. | NAME. | PARENTS. |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| Feb. 1 | Stillborn, | Willis P. and Emma L. Nelson Leonard. |
| Feb. 22 | Edna Corinne Wilcox, | George E. and Katherine A. Shea Wilcox. |
| Feb. 15 | Ruth Truesdell, | Arthur L. and Charlotte Merrill Truesdell. |
| June 3 | Gertrude E. Brown, | Webster W. and Lena M. Merritt Brown. |
| June 7 | Julia L. Sandburg, | John and Louise Carlson Sandburg. |
| July 3 | Antonette Szatrowskie, | Joseph and Walerica Szatrowskie. |
| Aug. 6 | Lucy Krusiwicz, | Stanislaw and Josephine Ludwick Krusiwicz. |
| Sept. 25 | Gladis M. Fuller, | Frank W. and Carrie B. Wright Fuller. |
| Oct. 13 | Antone Stone, | Antone and Elizabeth Stone. |
| Nov. 1 | Francis Maucks, | Joseph and Isabella Maucks. |
| Nov. 22 | Millicent Coleman, | Joseph and Nellie E. Plympton Coleman. |
| Jan. 20 | Raymond E. Ballou, | William H. and Maud N. Stiles Ballou. |

Comparison table of births for the past five years :

| 1900 | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 9 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 12 |

DEATHS REGISTERED.

| DATE. | NAME. | AGE. | DISEASE. |
|---------|---------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| Jan. 11 | Joseph Manicus, | 3 mos. | pneumonia |
| Jan. 24 | Clifford D. Lock, | 17 years | meninigitis |
| Feb. 1 | Stillborn, Leonard. | | |
| Feb. 9 | Sarah K. Kent, | 59 years | cancer |
| Feb. 15 | Elizabeth M. Rich, | 84 years | heart |
| Feb. 15 | Enos D. Graves, | 73 years | anemia |
| Apr. 12 | Wilber F. S. Oaks, | 81 years | tuberculosis |
| June 14 | Calvin C. Hudson, | 34 years | pneumonia |
| July 24 | Mary E. Hoyt, | 54 years | autoumic neusathet- mia |
| Aug. 23 | Lucy Krusiewicz, | 17 days | cholera infantum |
| Oct. 7 | Henry L. Hoyt, | 57 years | cancer |

Comparison table of deaths for the past five years :

| 1900 | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 11 |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED.

| | |
|---------|---|
| Mar. 9 | Joseph L. Coleman and Nellie E. Plympton. |
| June 12 | Herbert E. Wheelock and Laura M. Parent. |
| Nov. 29 | Allie D. Thomas and Elizabeth M. Howe. |
| Dec. 11 | Burnside Davis and Jennie Wright. |

Comparison table of marriages for the past five years :

| 1900 | 1901 | 1902 | 1903 | 1904 |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 8 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 |

If any mistakes have been made in the above lists either in names or dates, if those interested will inform the Town Clerk of the facts, the record will be corrected.

There has been returned to the County Treasurer on account of dogs licensed, ninety-two dollars and forty cents.

Respectfully submitted,

NELSON D. PLUMB,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WENDELL:

We herewith present our annual report for the fiscal year ending Feb. 16, 1906.

We have the same old story to tell. We deplore the lack of interest on the part of the parents in the work of the school. It almost seems as if some parents considered they were doing the teacher, the school committee, or someone a great favor by sending their children to school. Few parents visit the school room or know of the work except through the children.

August 7th, Mrs. Effie L. Bowen was elected to fill the vacancy on the school committee caused by the death of Mrs. Mary E. Hoyt.

Our expenses have been heavy owing to the extensive repairs on the Northwest school house. The cost of transportation is quite a little less than last year and seems to have been arranged satisfactorily to all concerned.

It is desirable to unite the South and West schools, as both are quite small, if arrangements can be made for transportation.

The changes in teachers have been many, owing to the low salaries paid.

For the year ending July 31, 1906, Wendell's share of the superintendent's salary will be \$394.74. We shall receive from the state, \$328.95; \$197.37 of this amount is for superintendent's salary and \$131.58 for teachers' salaries.

Net expense, \$65.79.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance from previous year, | \$210 00 |
| Town appropriation, | 1000 00 |
| Income Mass. school fund, | 929 48 |
| From state, acct. dist. supervision, | 328 95 |
| “ tuition of pupils in high school, | 100 00 |
| Income town school fund, | 27 00 |
| Town of Orange, to rectify mistake, | 25 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$2620 43 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries of teachers, | \$1204 00 |
| Salary of superintendent, | 394 74 |
| Salary of school committee, | 33 00 |
| Conveyance, | 331 70 |
| Tuition, | 252 75 |
| Books and supplies, | 51 75 |
| Repairs, | 150 75 |
| Fuel and fitting, | 49 00 |
| Care of buildings, | 34 75 |
| Miscellaneous, | 27 21 |
| | ————— |
| | \$2529 65 |
| Balance, . | \$90 78 |

NET COST TO THE TOWN.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Amount paid, | \$2529 65 |
| Less income state school fund, | \$929 48 |
| " amt. for dist. supervision, | 328 95 |
| " high school tuition, | 100 00 |
| " town school fund, | 27 00 |
| | ————— |
| | \$1385 43 |
| | ————— |
| | \$1144 22 |

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Miss Lovina M. Lovering, | \$93 50 |
| Miss Katie M. Bachelder, | 93 50 |
| Miss Lena F. Shapleigh, | 84 00 |
| Miss Blanche V. McKenne, | 99 00 |
| Mrs. Lottie M. Hook, | 224 00 |
| Miss Jennie M. Horr, | 150 00 |
| Miss Nettie A. Rogers, | 140 00 |
| Miss Celia S. Bagster, | 112 00 |
| Miss Sara H. Goddard, | 160 00 |
| Miss Gertrude Fitts, | 48 00 |
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| | \$1204 00 |

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.

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| Mrs. C. A. Stearns, 1 year, | \$394 74 |
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| | \$394 74 |

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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| E. S. Putnam, | \$10 00 |
| C. H. Jennison. | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Mary E. Hoyt, sec., | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Effie L. Bowen, sec., | 8 00 |
| | — |
| | \$33 00 |

CONVEYANCE.

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| Stanislaw Krusiewicz, | \$27 00 |
| J. H. Brown, | 55 00 |
| Mrs. Bessie Stafford, | 97 00 |
| F. C. Betters, | 108 50 |
| J. K. Burkhardt, | 8 50 |
| W. E. Goddard, | 7 50 |
| Henry Lehrman, | 28 20 |
| | — |
| | \$331 70 |

TUITION.

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| Town of Orange, | \$75 00 |
| New Salem, | 30 00 |
| Erving, | 100 75 |
| Montague, | 47 00 |
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| | \$252 75 |

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

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| J. L. Hammett & Co., | \$29 35 |
| Ginn & Co., | 13 65 |
| Silver, Burdett & Co., | 5 40 |
| D. E. Heath & Co., | 2 35 |
| E. C. Babb & Co., | 1 00 |
| | ————— |
| | \$51 75 |

REPAIRS.

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| Rolan Baker, | \$135 00 |
| Warren Ames, | 7 50 |
| N. D. Plumb, | 4 00 |
| Henry Martineau, | 1 25 |
| C. H. Jennison, | 3 00 |
| | ————— |
| | \$150 75 |

FUEL AND FITTING.

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| Baker & Baker, | \$9 00 |
| G. A. Fleming, | 4 50 |
| G. A. Lewis, | 16 00 |
| C. H. Jennison, | 8 00 |
| Stan. Krusiewicz, | 5 50 |
| C. M. Ballou, | 6 00 |
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| | \$49 00 |

CARE OF BUILDINGS.

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| Allen, care and cleaning, | \$10 50 |
| Center, " | 10 00 |
| West, " | 5 25 |
| South, " | 2 00 |
| Northwest, " | 7 00 |
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| | \$34 75 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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| N. D. Plumb, school census, | \$5 00 |
| Rolan Baker, stove pipe, | 3 00 |
| C. H. Cogswell, small supplies, | 5 08 |
| Mrs. C. A. Stearns, securing teach- ers, express, postage, supplies, etc., | 14 13 |
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| | \$27 21 |

C. H. JENNISON,
EFFIE L. BOWEN,
E. S. PUTNAM, } School
 } Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF WENDELL:

In June, 1905, four of our teachers resigned. Miss Kate Bachelder, Miss Blanche McKenne and Miss Lovina Lovering secured more desirable positions. Miss Lena Shapleigh entered the Fitchburg Normal School. Miss Celia Bagster of Harvard, Mass., Miss Jennie Horr of Cooleyville, Miss Nettie Rogers of Shutesbury and Miss Sara Goddard of Montague were appointed to the Northeast, Allen, West and Centre schools respectively. Miss Bagster resigned at the Christmas recess to accept a position in the eastern part of the state. Miss Gertrude Fitts of Shutesbury was secured to succeed her.

It has been our good fortune, while making so many changes, to secure teachers who are faithful and earnest, striving to do their best for the schools under their charge. Nevertheless, we deplore the necessity of losing teachers of experience and ability whom we might have retained had we been authorized to offer salaries commensurate with their worth.

A teacher who is enthusiastic, faithful and conscientious, who teaches because her heart is in her work, who is thoroughly interested in her pupils, who realizes the community of interest between school and home, and who claims the parents' co-operation as her rightful prerogative; such a teacher should receive every encouragement.

The law has made education compulsory as well as free. In industrial centers where a large percentage of the population is foreign, it is to be expected that there will not be a well-developed appreciation of free education, but in rural communities where for generations the people have been self-denying and liberal with respect to schools, and where public opinion now demands the best privileges obtainable, there should be no necessity for compulsory school attendance. Yet the necessity exists and because of irregularity of attendance much of our effort is wasted, and those pupils who are allowed to remain away from school fail to receive the full benefit of that for which the public funds are so liberally expended.

It is evident that there is need of a greater degree of respect for the law if our young people are to be trained to good citizenship. It is equally evident that this training must begin in the home with the example of parents. Children must be taught to be self respecting and to respect the rights of those about them. This is a fundamental principle. The school must supplement this training by every means in its power.

Special mention should be made of the excellent record of attendance at the West school. There has not been a case of absence since the opening of school in September, the record for the fall and winter terms being 100 per cent. Much credit is due parents and pupils for the effort made. While it is not possible for every school to make so good a record, it is possible to make a decided gain in the per cent of attendance. The only absences at the South school were occasioned by sickness. If this were the universal rule, it would be the solution of the problem.

In small towns where the schools are multi-graded it is not possible to give time to non-essentials; we must limit our curriculum to such subjects as are essential. Among these drawing calls for more than passing attention. Hand as well as mind should be trained, and with our limited facilities, the only available means is in the line of drawing. While it may not be feasible to employ a supervisor for this department, it would seem advisable to adopt some system whereby we may secure results of some value. I would advise making trial of the "Augsburg System" which can be done at slight expense. The regular teachers can use this successfully without a special teacher.

Wendell is now the only town in this supervision district that has not introduced music as a regular study. A comparatively small amount in addition to the usual appropriation, would enable us to secure a supervisor of music. There can be no question as to the desirability of music in our schools. It will add much to the enjoyment and usefulness of our pupils, while in school and in after life, if able to read music and sing correctly at sight. Quoting from the recent report of a prominent supervisor, "Music, as it is now being taught in the public schools, is a most important study. It employs more faculties and gives the children a broader development than any other study in the school curriculum. It teaches them to hear, see and think quickly and to express accurately what they hear and see; more than this—it teaches them to enjoy good music."

A secondary consideration is the fact that at present pupils who go from us to other schools are at a disadvantage in this line.

In order to introduce music we shall need to

lengthen the school year; with but thirty-two weeks we find it difficult to accomplish the work now required. With two, or if possible four additional weeks, we should be able to do more and better work and to give time to the systematic teaching of drawing and music.

There seems to be an impression that our schools are rigidly graded and that a pupil must be prepared in all subjects to enter a higher grade, or repeat the entire work of the year. While this course would simplify our work to a large degree, we deem it better for the pupil to repeat only such studies as he is deficient in. By this plan a pupil may work in two or even three grades, doing in each that of which he is capable. For instance, he may take arithmetic with grade V and all other studies with grade VI, or an eighth grade pupil may find it necessary to repeat seventh grade geography or history. This plan is especially valuable to those children who leave school at the age of fourteen.

Three pupils completed the work of grade IX, and were given diplomas in June: Esther Goddard and Henry Ballou of the Center, and Carl Sandberg of the Allen school. The latter entered the Orange high school.

The Northwest school house was enlarged during the summer vacation to accommodate the increased membership. The subsequent removal of several families decreased the enrollment, yet we find the room none too large for convenience. Needed repairs this year are mainly in the line of painting.

A card system was introduced at the close of the year in June which will enable us to keep a concise and accurate record of each pupil's work during the

period of his membership. While the record of the upper classes will necessarily be confined to the remaining years of their course, that of the primary grades will give data from the time of entering grade one through successive grades until the course is completed.

IN CONCLUSION.

It has been said that "Whatever we are doing, we can do better." We do not wish to measure by the standard of other years, and rest content to have attained a fair average of success. It is our desire to measure up to the extent of our ability, making each succeeding year more profitable than the last.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. STEARNS, Superintendent.

Table Showing Schools, Teachers, Attendance, etc., for the Year Ending in June, 1905.

| SCHOOLS. | TEACHERS. | Number of Weeks. | Number Enrolled. | Average Membership. | Average Attendance. | Cases of Tardiness. | Number of half-day Absences. | Number of Visitors. |
|------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Center, | Blanche V. McKenne, | 32 | 18 | 18.86 | 17.36 | 92 | 37 | 473 |
| Allen, | Lovina M. Lovering, | 32 | 12 | 11.97 | 11.26 | 94 | 15 | 225 |
| Northwest, | Kate M. Bachelder, | 32 | 25 | 20.40 | 19.20 | 94 | 59 | 406 |
| Southwest, | Lena F. Shapleigh, | 32 | 11 | 9.22 | 8.96 | 97 | 20 | 79 |
| South, | Mrs. L. M. Hook, | 32 | 10 | 9.24 | 8.87 | 96 | 3 | 116 |
| Totals, | | 76 | 69.69 | 65.65 | 94 | 134 | 1299 | 316 |

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING IN JUNE, 1905.

NAMES OF PUPILS PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE
DURING THE YEAR ENDING IN JUNE, 1905.

Three Terms.

Archie Carey,
Edith Merchant,
Gustoff Hook,
Lawrence Carey,
Thelma Russell.

Ruby Carey,
Jessie Carey,
Ruby Merchant,
Ruth Jennison,

Cecil Ballou,
Grace Ballou,
Ralph Ballou,
Frank Richards.

Mary Richards,
Effie Russell,
Carl Sandberg,

One Term.

Charles Bachelder,
Clarence Ballou,
Helen Baker,
Zina Carey,
George Cogswell,

Raymond Hunter,
George Merchant,
Burt Richards,
Gustave Sandberg,
Mildred White.

Report of Sinking Fund Commissioners.

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| Recd. of Athol Savings bank, money to the credit of Sinking Fund, | \$1000 00 |
| Interest on same, | 59 76 |
| Recd. of Franklin Savings Inst., money to the credit of Sinking Fund, | 350 00 |
| Interest on same, | 3 50 |
| Town appropriation, Sinking Fund, | 618 74 |
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| | \$2032 00 |
| Paid Arthur B. Chapin, State Treas., Sinking Fund note, | \$2000 00 |
| Interest on same, | 32 00 |
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| | \$2032 00 |

CHAS. H. COGSWELL, } Sinking Fund
GEORGE STRONG, } Commissioners.

Report of Trustees of Wendell Free Library for 1905.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WENDELL:—

The Library has been under the able management of Mrs. Mary E. White for the past year, and she has given general satisfaction to all the patrons.

We have received and now have on hand forty dollars, interest from the Hinsdale mortgage.

It seems to us that it would be desirable to dispose of the property at Bernardston, and remodel the town hall for a library and ask the town to build a new town hall.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

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| Balance from 1904, | \$11 67 |
| Town appropriation, | 30 00 |
| Received of Mrs. C. A. Stearns on David Forquhar & Tabard Inn Library bills, | 1 40 |
| Dog fund, | 36 40 |
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| | \$79 47 |

PAID OUT.

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| Paid David Forquher, | \$6 65 |
| Tabard Inn, | 4 55 |
| DeWolfe & Fiske Co., | 6 95 |
| Chas. W. Clark & Co., | 3 90 |
| H. R. Hunting & Co., | 14 91 |
| Mary E. White, library expenses as per bill, | 10 00 |
| Mary E. White, books, | 1 14 |
| Express charges, | 1 07 |
| C. H. Cogswell, | 80 |
| For stove, | 1 50 |
| Librarian's salary, | 25 00 |
| | — |
| Cash on hand, | \$76 47 |
| | 3 00 |
| | — |
| | \$79 47 |

CHAS. H. COGSWELL,
CORA A. STEARNS,
CHAS. M. BALLOU, } Trustees.

Report of the Librarian of the Wendell Free Library.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WENDELL:—

In the year that has just passed, our library has been quite as prosperous as in former years. The circulation for the past year has not increased as that of last year, not on account of a lack of interest, but because some of our patrons have been away from the town for several months.

We have loaned to the Centre Sunday school, twenty-five books for six months, also the same amount to Farley Library, as in former years.

We have received from the State, a number of different volumes, including statistics of several towns, reports of the legislature and army and navy, also several pamphlets on different subjects.

Our gifts to the Library from other sources have been as follows :

- 1 book from Union Press, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 9 books from Mr. George Kent, Wendell, Mass.
- 1 book from Bureau of Forestry, Washington.
- 1 book from Medford Mercury, Medford, Mass.
- 1 magazine from Mr. Chas. Caldwell, Wendell, Mass.

Having a surplus of magazines for which we did not have room, we sent to the Seamen's Friend Society of Boston a barrel filled with magazines, which was received by them, the superintendent returning thanks for same.

We have had the usual loan of fifty books from the Woman's Educational Association, also two exhibitions of pictures, one of views of Yosemite Valley, the other views entitled "Queer things seen across the sea," both of which were much enjoyed by the townspeople.

Our school teachers have taken fully as much interest as formerly, and we hope it may still continue.

Our library room is small, and an increase in our books, makes us very much crowded. We are in hopes that before long we shall have a larger place provided for our accommodation.

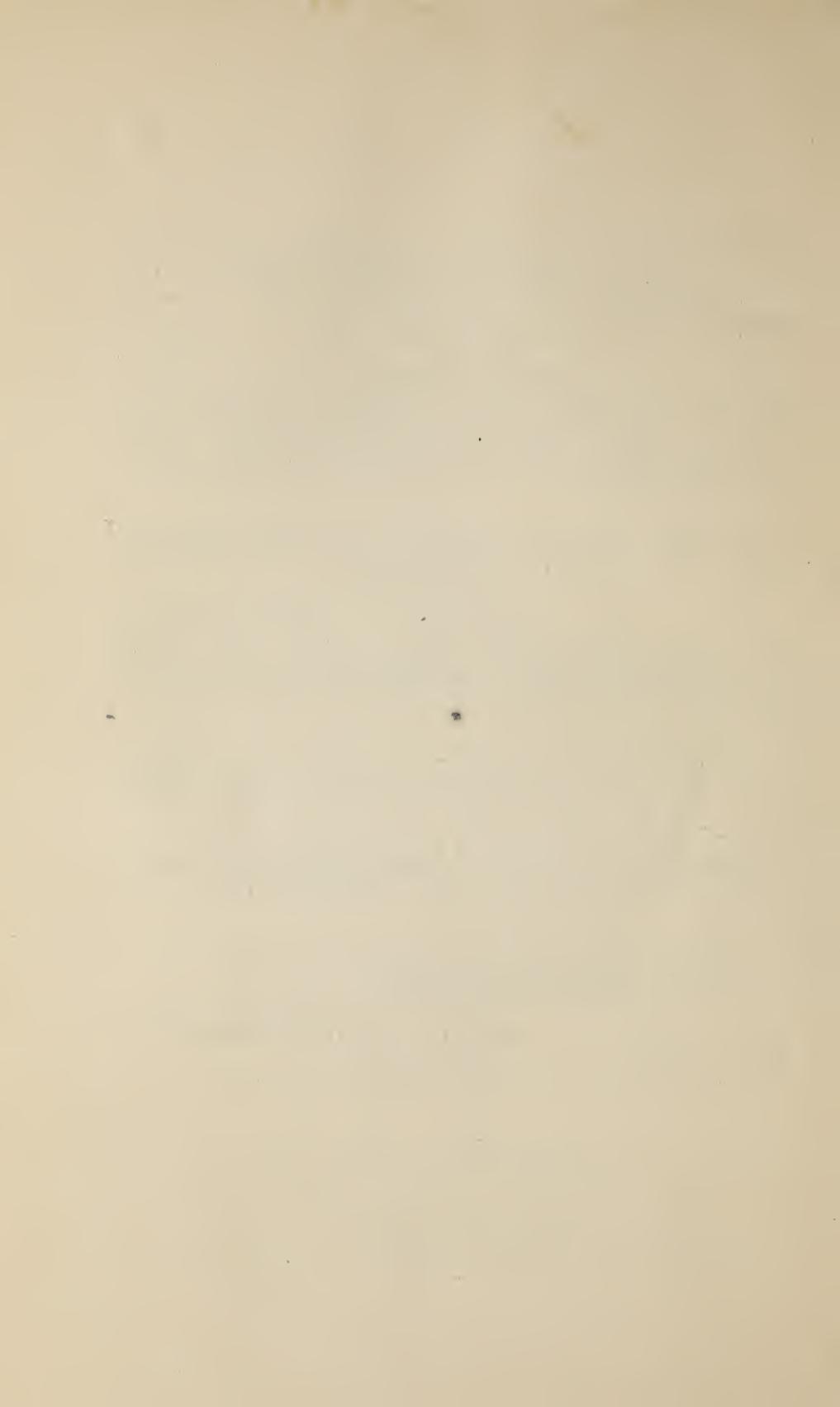
We thank our patrons for the interest shown during this and former years, and hope we may still continue to please them.

Circulation for 1905, 1726. Largest day's circulation, Feb. 25,—50. Smallest day's circulation, March 25,—19.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. WHITE, Librarian.

Feb. 9, 1906.



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